



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH Meeting Minutes

Boxborough Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2023

Approved, February 21, 2023

The Water Resources Committee (WRC) held its monthly meeting on January 24, 2023, via the Zoom application. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM.

Voting members present: Les Fox, Chair; Bryon Clemence, Clerk; Janet Keating-Connolly; Bryan Lynch; Stephen Schmitt

Voting members absent: None

Non-voting members present: None

Others present: None

Public participation: Mark Brooks, Mike Aumueller

1. Review and approve meeting minutes. A question about item 8 from the minutes of December 20, 2022, generated discussion about what led to the SuAsCo flood control project (Delaney) and old newspaper articles about flooding. After discussion, the Committee approved the minutes, as amended, by a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Keating-Connolly, seconded by Lynch).

2. Correspondence. Clemence, Keating-Connolly, and Fox commented on the report, "Climate Change Impacts on Groundwater in MAPC Communities." concluding that it had limited value for Boxborough, in spite of claims to the contrary. Keating-Connolly thought it provided information that could support further studies in the town.

3. WRC website updates. Clemence noted some inconsistencies in information displayed with pdf documents. Keating-Connolly said that could occur if pdf documents are saved without updating their properties and that she would look into it and provide any corrections to the Town Clerk.

4. Update on Littleton Water Department (LWD) water main extension: recap of January 19 webinar. Fox gave a brief summary of the meeting and noted that it would be posted on the WRC webpage. He then turned the meeting over to Mark Brooks and Mike Aumueller, owner and manager, respectively, of several condominiums in Boxborough. Brooks discussed his work with water supply systems in Boxborough and neighboring towns. He thinks one condominium may hold out. Fox suggested that he get on the Select Board agenda.

The Committee then discussed the intermunicipal agreement (IMA) and funding. Fox noted that the IMA would be needed before a consultant could be hired; Lynch thought LWD needed the IMA to proceed. Comments on the IMA should go to directly to the Town Administrator. Fox will check on availability of ARPA funds, and he noted that the Select Board could decide to proceed with the project and charge betterments. Also discussed were MassDOT's contribution, what Boxborough should bring to the project, the rate structure for multi-family housing, fire protection, MBTA communities, providing water to the eastern part of town, and the possible need for a special WRC meeting.

5. Select Board/WRC article for 2023 Annual Town Meeting. There is a "placeholder" article. Lynch suggested it cover hiring a consultant.

6. Update on 2030 Master Plan. Keating-Connolly reported that the Planning Board will be requesting updates. Clemence to make a first pass; Fox to provide the Town Report summary.

7. Workplan – discuss proposed scope for RFP. Discussion covered possible new PFAS limits, Planning Board wells, transfer station wells, Planning Board limits on salt use, and EPA limits on salt on certain road projects, and the privately owned salt shed on Mass. Ave. Clemence noted need for a town-wide scope, rather than east versus west.

8. Future meeting schedule. Next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2023, 7:30 PM, via Zoom.

9. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:44 PM on a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (moved by Keating-Connolly, seconded by Lynch).

List of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting. Draft meeting minutes for December 20, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryon Clemence, Clerk